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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Date: March 13, 2000 In re Application of: Kar W. Yung et al. Group Art Unit: 36475 Serial No. 08/949.988 October 14, 1997 Filed: Examiner: Tien Din For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MAXIMIZING SATELLITE CONSTELLATION COVERAGE AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER ATTN: BOX AF **Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231 Sir: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. Applicant petitions for an extension of time for months(s) to respond to the Office Action dated . If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor. Fee months(s) has already been secured; the fee paid therefor of is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. Extension fee due with this request Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated February 10, 2000. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. No additional fee for claims is required. The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below: **CLAIMS AS AMENDED ADDITIONAL** CLAIMS REMAINING HIGHEST NUMBER **PRESENT** AFTER AMENDMENT PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR **EXTRA** RATE FEE 18.00 **TOTAL CLAIMS** 0 minus 0 \$ 78.00 minus х INDEPENDENT CLAIMS \$ 260.00 MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS

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Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated February 10, 2000, rejecting 1 – 19 in the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE FIGURES

Please add Figure 8 as submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 15 as follows:

1. (TWICE AMENDED) A method for maximizing satellite constellation coverage at predetermined local times for a set of predetermined geographic locations. the method comprising:

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